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### **SBE MOURNS DEATH OF BOARD MEMBER, FORMER STATE SEN. WILLIAM HAINE**

**SPRINGFIELD (AUG. 16, 2021)** -- It is with profound sadness that the Illinois State Board of Elections announces the passing of Board Member William R. Haine.

Haine, 77, of Alton, died Monday.

A former four-term Madison County State's Attorney and state senator representing parts of the Metro East area, Haine was appointed to the State Board of Elections' eight-member board as a Democrat in July 2019.

"As a former lawmaker, Member Haine had a particular acumen for helping develop the agency's legislative agenda," said Acting Executive Director Bernadette Matthews. "He will be greatly missed both for his deep knowledge and his friendly demeanor."

The board's chair and vice-chair also praised Haine.

"Member Haine possessed a wisdom matched only by his wit and charm," said Chair Ian Linnabary. "His board service, though relatively brief, was marked by the insights of a man who lived a rich, full life. We will all miss him."

"I was finally able to speak directly with him just last week. Prior thereto, I would leave our messages of support and encouragement with his wife Anna," said Board Vice-Chair Casandra B. Watson. "It was truly a pleasure to work with him as a member of the State Board of Elections. He will be missed."

By Illinois law, Gov. JB Pritzker will appoint Haine's replacement on the eight-member board within 30 days. The board is comprised of four members of each party appointed by the governor.

A full biography of Member Haine can be found on the [Illinois State Board of Elections website](http://www.elections.il.gov).

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State of Illinois. Elections are administered locally by the State's 108 election authorities.

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